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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 16th/August, through Sunday, 23rd/August there were 199 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

4L, GEORGIA. Peter, G4ENL (9X9PJ, HB9DVG), is now active as 4L/G4ENL and reports on QRZ.com: "After leaving Rwanda I am now in Georgia again working on major hydro-power development. Its a beautiful country, friendly people with a great and ancient tradition. My station is located high in the northern Caucasus mountains. Harsh climate and isolated in winter, an idyllic paradise in summer." He was heard on 20 meters SSB this past week. His current station (according to QRZ.com) is a K3S with an amp (EXPERT 1.3) into a SPIDERBEAM (5 Band) and 5 element yagi (15m). Soon to have dipoles for 40/80/160m and 6m antenna. QSL via his home address in Switzerland (HB9DVG): Peter Jewitt, Fluckenstrasse 9, Meisterschwanden 5616, Switzerland, or by the Bureau to Dan, N4GNR.

5R, MADAGASCAR. Francesco, IK0FUX, reports that he just received his 5R8UX callsign. He states that he will be active from Madagascar when COVID-19 travel restrictions are lifted. Michele, 5R8UI, who lives on Nosy Be Island (AF-057) helped Francesco get his callsign. Look for more info to be forthcoming.

6O, SOMALIA. Ali, EP3CQ/6O1OO, announced on August 17th that he is "away

(QRT) from Somalia until November 2020. During this period, all received QSL cards will be replied."

8Q, MALDIVES. Yusuke, JJ1DQR, who was expected to be active as 8Q7QR from Male Island (AS-013) between September 4-8th, has canceled his opertaion due to Covid pandemic.

9M63 MALAYSIAN SPECIAL EVENT (West Malaysia [9M2] and East Malaysia [9M6/9M8]). To celebrate the 63rd anniversary of Malaysia's independence (August 31, 1957), look for the following special event stations to be using the special prefix 9M63. Activity starts on August 30th and will end on August 31st:

9M63MA - Perak, W. Malaysia (9M2)	9M63MP - Penang, W. Malaysia (9M2)
9M63MB - Selangor, W. Malaysia	9M63MQ - Sarawak, W. Malaysia (9M2)
9M63MC - Pahang, W. Malaysia	9M63MR - Perlis, W. Malaysia (9M2)
9M63MD - Kelantan, W. Malaysia (9M2)	9M63MS - Sabah, East Malaysia (9M6)
9M63MJ - Johor, W. Malaysia (9M2)	9M63MT - Terengganu, W. Malaysia (9M2)
9M63MK - Kedah, W. Malaysia (9M2)	9M63MW - Kuala Lumpur, E. Malaysia (9M6)
9M63MM - Melaka, W. Malaysia (9M2)	9M63MY - (HQ)Selangor, W. Malaysia (9M2)
9M63MN - Negeri Sembilan	

Activity is organized by the Amateur Radio Club Sarawak (ARCS), ASTRA Malaysia, Borneo Amateur Radio Club (BARC), KELAB RADIO AMATUR TAIPING - (STAR), Kelab Radio Amatur Melayu Jalan Klang Lama, Kota Setar Amateur Radio Club (KSARC), Kuala Lumpur DX Team, Melaka DX Club, Perlis DX Club, Penang DX Club, Persatuan Komuniti Radio Amator Dan Rekreasi Kok Lanas (KRAKL), Terengganu Radio Amateur & Recreation Club (PEMANCAR) and Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters' Society (MARTS). Check QRZ.com for the QSL info because each station QSLs are different.

FP, ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON (Rescheduled Again). Eric, KV1J, who was expected to once again be operating from the Island of Miquelon (NA-032, DIFO FP-002 WLOTA 1417, Grid GN17) as FP/KV1J between September 22nd and October 6th, has rescheduled his trip for 2021 between June 29th and July 13th. This was "due to travel restrictions." For more details and updates, check out his Web page at: http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html

FR, REUNION ISLAND. A couple of sources reports that Chris, F8FPY, is a resident in Le Guillaume on Reunion Island and now has the callsign FR8TG. Activity will be on various HF and VHF bands using mostly CW, but will do some SSB and FT8. QSLs should be sent direct to: Mr. Chris, 88, Chemin de la Glacière, 97423 Le Guillaume Saint Paul, Réunion Island via France.

IOTA NEWS. The following are IOTA operations that were active this past week between August 17-22nd (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
AF-004	EA8AP	CANARY	20m; FT4
AF-004	EA8BWL	CANARY	20m; SSB
AF-004	EA8DHA	CANARY	20m; CW/SSB
AF-014	CT3KN	CORSICA	80m; CW
AF-018	IH9YMC	PANTELLERIA	30m; CW
AF-057	5R8UI	MADAGASCAR'S COASTAL W	40m; CW
AS-003	4S7JL/MM	SRI LANKA	20m; SSB
AS-007	JH1BHW	HONSHU	40m; Digi
AS-007	JR1BAS	HONSHU	40m; Digi
AS-008	JR0UIU/P	NORTH IZU	20m; FT8
AS-045	HL5FUA	KYONGSANG-BUKTO PROVINCE	30m; FT8
AS-066	R0MZ/P	Reyneke	17m; Digi
AS-117	JA4GXS/4	Kasado	20m; CW
AS-141	BA5CJ/5	Dongtou	30m; FT8
AS-147	JA8COE/8	HOKKAIDO'S COASTAL	17m; SSB
AS-206	JR7AMZ	Oshima	30m; Digi
EU-004	EA6/EA3HSO	Balearic	20m; SSB
EU-004	EA6AJ	Balearic	40m; Digi
EU-004	EA6NP	Balearic	60m; CW
EU-005	G0BLB	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; Digi

EU-005	G0KPH	GREAT BRITAIN	12m; Digi
EU-005	G3EJS	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; Digi
EU-005	G7CNF	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; Digi
EU-005	GB80CH	GREAT BRITAIN	30m; CW
EU-005	M0NPT	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; Digi
EU-005	M0WGI	GREAT BRITAIN	17m; SSB
EU-010	GB9UL	South Uist	20m; CW
EU-012	GB2ELH	SHETLAND	80m; SSB
EU-013	GJ0KYZ	JERSEY	20m; CW
EU-020	SM1ALH	GOTLAND COUNTY	40m; CW
EU-021	TF5B	ICELAND	40m; Digi
EU-025	IT9BDW	SICILY	20m; SSB
EU-025	IT9PWR	SICILY	20m; SSB
EU-026	JW4PUA	SPITSBERGEN	40m; SSB
EU-029	5P5L	SJAELLAND	40m; CW
EU-029	OV1CDX	SJAELLAND	40m; CW
EU-030	OZ1NKS/P	BORNHOLM	40m; SSB
EU-030	OZ4HAM	BORNHOLM	40m; SSB
EU-033	LA/DF9TM	VESTERALEN	20m; SSB
EU-033	LA/DL2SWW	VESTERALEN	30/20/17m; CW/Digi
EU-034	ES0/LY5O HIIUMAA/SAAREMAA/LAANEMAA COUNTY 20m; SSB		
EU-036	LA6K/P SOR-TRONDELAG/MORE OG ROMSDAL COUNTY N 40/20m; CW/RTTY		
EU-042	DA0DFF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN STATE NW 80/40m; CW/SSB		
EU-042	DA9DFF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN STATE NW 40m; SSB		
EU-042	DL0SY/P SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN STATE NW 40m; SSB		
EU-046	LA/DF9TM	TROMS	40/20m; SSB
EU-046	LA/DL2SWW	TROMS	20m; CW
AS-047	JS6TWW	DAITO	17/10m; Digi
EU-052	SV8/IK6QON PEIROS/DYTIKI ELLAS REGION 20m; CW		
EU-053	OJ0JR	Market Reef	80/60/20m; CW/Digi
EU-054	IF9/IT9PPG	EGADI	20m; CW
EU-055	LA/DH3RN	Bomlo	20m; FT4
EU-055	LA/DH7RG	Bomlo	80/30/17m; FT8
EU-055	LA9AKA SOGN OG FJORDANE/HORDALAND/ROGALAND COUNTY 17m; Digi		
EU-057	DL3KZA/P	Ruegen	20m; SSB
EU-057	DH0JAE MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN STATE 40m; CW/SSB		
EU-076	LA/DL2SWW	LOFOTEN	20m; CW
EU-120	M0OPV	Isle of Wight	40m; SSB
EU-128	DL/OK1FZM SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN STATE EAST 20m; CW		
EU-129	DL0MFK/LH	USEDOM	40/20m; CW
EU-129	DQ0Z	USEDOM	80m; CW
EU-131	IK3PQH/P	VENETO REGION	40/20m; SSB
EU-175	CU3DX/P	CENTRAL	20m; SSB
EU-175	CU3HN	CENTRAL	20m; SSB
NA-015	CM3EFM	CUBA	60m;
NA-015	CO6HLP	Cuba	17m; SSB
NA-016	ZF1EJ	Cayman	80m; Digi
NA-018	OX3XR	GREENLAND	20m; CW
NA-021	8P6NW	BARBADOS	20m; Digi
NA-029	VY2IDX	PRINCE EDWARD	20m; SSB
NA-052	N1UL	FLORIDA STATE SW	60/40; Digi
NA-096	HI8RD	HISPANIOLA	40/20; Digi/SSB
NA-096	HI8JSG	HISPANIOLA	20m; Digi
NA-097	6Y6STAYHOME	JAMAICA	40m; Digi
NA-128	VE2WU	QUEBEC PROVINCE	20m; CW
NA-140	K3RLW	MARYLAND STATE WEST	30m; Digi
NA-142	N9EAJ/4	Okaloosa	20m; SSB
NA-143	N5FWB	TEXAS STATE EAST	20m; Digi
OC-001	VK2WP	AUSTRALIA	40m; CW
OC-001	VK4FUEL	AUSTRALIA	40m; Digi
OC-019	KH6TU	HAWAIIAN	20m; CW
OC-019	WH6S	HAWAIIAN	30m; Digi
OC-021	8A201BA	JAVA	20m; CW
OC-022	YF9FCO	BALI	40m; Digi
OC-042	DV3CEP	LUZON	40m; Digi
OC-088	V85T	BORNEO	20m' CW
OC-088	YC7YGR	BORNEO	40m; Digi
OC-228	VK5MAV/P	Granite	20m; CW

SA-011	9Z4Y	TRINIDAD	20/17m; CW/Digi
SA-012	YV7PMG	NUEVA ESPARTA STATE	20m; SSB
SA-036	P41E	Aruba	30m; Digi

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode on their QSNs on the PacketCluster reports....

AS-068. A RI0B DXpedition video (19 min.) on the 2020 Rastorguev Island in the Arctic Ocean is now available in English on YouTube.com at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8CQoHWV_Mg

AS-147. Taka, JA8COE, was expected to be active as JA8COE/8 from Yagishiri Island this past weekend. QSL via his home callsign or ClubLog's OQRS.

EU-081. (Reminder/Update) Operators Jean/ON5DX, Kürt/ON5DZ, Tim/ON5HC, Pat/ON7PQ and Francis/ON8AZ will be active as TM2U from Saint Marcouf Island between August 23-28th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters (also 60m) using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via ON8AZ. For more details, see: https://www.eu081.be PLEASE NOTE: The team "may" start late due to rough seas.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). Details on how to subscribe and unsubscribe from the "OPDX Mailing List" are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

P4, ARUBA (Special Event). Members of the Aruba Amateur Radio Club (AARC) [P43ARC] will be using the special callsign P42WW between September 2-30th. Their activity is to commemorate the 75th anniversary and the end of WW2. For this special occasion the previously never issued P42 prefix was made available by DTZ (Dienst Telecomunicatie Zaken). Operation efforts will be made to be on all bands and modes. QSL info TBA. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 24-30th).....

Aug/24th AN	Aug/27th AN	Aug/29th AN
Aug/25th AN	Aug/28th AN	Aug/30th HN
Aug/26th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: http://sunspotwatch.com
* News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment: https://www.spaceweather.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation

* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Real-time propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (August 23rd)
** Sorry, No QSL-Infos This Week By DL1SBF -- It will return next week **

(e) eQSL only	(d) direct only	(B) Bureau only	(*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only	(C) ClubLog only	(L) LoTW only	(N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC	(P) PayPal	(NB) No Bureau	(n) no printed QSLs

QSL 5T5PA/P via LoTW, Clublog, QRZ.com, direct or by the Bureau via PA5X.

QSL 9H6DL via 9H1XT. Operators Fortunato/9H1ES, Mark/9H1GP, Ivan/9H1PI, John/9H1XT, Mike/9H5DX and Marco/9H5SN were active from the Delimara Lighthouse in Malta during the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend.

NEW QSL MANAGER. Pedro, EA5GL, reports that he is now the QSL Manager for 9J2BS.

NEW QSL MANAGER. Vasiliy, RW6HS, reports that he is now the QSL Manager for the following stations: 5E7NIL, 5E7PA and 5E7QR.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3D2AG, 5T5PA, AA5JF/5 (NA-058), HC1HC, HL2EIZ, HP1CDZ, HP2NG, J73WA, JA1QJI, LY90IARU, P41E, TG9AKH and WC3N

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3W1T, 5Z4/G3AB, E44RU, GU8FBO, H44MS, R6AF/p (EU-185), TI9A (NA-012) and XR8RRC (SA-032)

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4L0ONY, 4S7VK, 5R8HT, 6W1RY, 9G5TF, C5FUD, C5GCJ, CU8/DJ6SI, FG/F6BFH, FG1PP, FM5KC, FY4VA, HR9/SP4Z, JD1BMB, KH6/DL8UI, KP2/DL5LYM, OH0/OH5O, OJ0C, P4/IV3IYH, PJ6/OH3JR, S79RR, ST2CF, T46BC, TO6OK, V31YN, V3O, V55V, YS1RR and ZF2GU
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

RA75, RUSSIA. Members of the Moscow city branch of the Radio Amateur Union of Russia will be active as RA75RA until September 3rd. Activity is to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the national nuclear industry. A diploma is available (see https://ra75ra.ru/en/en.html). QSL via R2ATC.

SILENT KEY. It was reported this past week that well known DXer, DX-Peditioner and Contester Leszek Fabjanski, SP3DOI, became a Silent Key (SK) on August 15th, due to private airplane crash. OPDX ad its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of SP3DOI.

TF, ICELAND. Norbert, DJ7JC, will be active as TF/DJ7JC from Iceland between now and October 18th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-10 meters using CW, RTTY and FT8, with a FlexRadio 6700 and 90 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via DJ5BWD, ClubLog or LoTW.

VJ/VK/VL, AUSTRALIA (New Contest Callsigns). From the August 19th, ARRL Contest Update (*): The new Australian contest call signs are here! According to Glenn, VK4DU: "The Australian comms regulator, ACMA, have approved the issue of 2 x 1 contest call signs with VJ, VK and VL prefixes. These callsigns are available for Advanced-class amateurs and club stations, for contest operation only. There is a limit of one callsign per licensee and one per club. The 2 x 1 contest callsign structure was originally developed by a cross-sector committee convened by the Radio Amateur Society of Australia. After a suggestion by the ACMA's outsourced call-sign provider, the Australian Maritime College, ACMA has extended this structure to two new prefixes; VJ and VL. This allows 2 x 1 callsigns

to be available to many more amateurs. Here's(**) a link to the new call-sign template and FAQ." Glenn is the President of the Radio Amateur Society of Australia Inc.

* http://www.arrl.org/contest-update-issues?issue=current#_772513379058862-News
** https://www.amc.edu.au/industry/amateur-radio/callsigns/new-callsign-template-and-faqs

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN. Diya, YI1DZ, is now active as Z81D from Juba. He is working there (under the UN-WFP) until November 10th. Activity will be during his free time there. He informs OPDX that he works SSB and the Digital modes, but recently has concentrated on FT8. No CW. He was heard this past week on 17 meters FT8 between 1245-1415z. Diya states that he has antennas for all HF bands, except 160m. QSL via OM3JW. All QSOs will be uploaded to QRZ.com, ClubLog, eQSL and LoTW.

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